

49 Stat. 678.

25, 1920, as amended (30 U. S. C., sec. 185), is amended by inserting after "Provided," the following: "That the common carrier provisions of this section shall not apply to any natural gas pipeline operated by any person subject to regulation under the Natural Gas Act or by any public utility subject to regulation by a State or municipal regulatory agency having jurisdiction to regulate the rates and charges for the sale of natural gas to consumers within the State or municipality: *Provided further,*,".

52 Stat. 821.  
15 USC 717w.

Approved August 12, 1953.

## Public Law 254

## CHAPTER 409

August 12, 1953  
[H. R. 1383]

## AN ACT

To provide for distribution of moneys of deceased restricted members of the Five Civilized Tribes not exceeding \$500, and for other purposes.

Five Civilized  
Tribes, Okla.  
Payment to heirs,  
etc.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby granted authority to disburse to the heirs or legatees of deceased members of the Five Civilized Tribes any sum of money on deposit to the credit of such deceased Indian or Indians, not exceeding \$500, where said decedent died seized of no lands or the lands have since been lawfully alienated. Said funds shall be disbursed on proof of death and heirship or bequest satisfactory to the Secretary of the Interior and his finding thereon shall be final and conclusive: *Provided,* That such transfer of funds so disbursed shall not be taxable.

61 Stat. 733.  
25 USC 355 note.

Sec. 2. The first sentence of subsection (e) of section 6 of the Act of August 4, 1947 (61 Stat. 731), is hereby amended to read as follows: "On or before the 1st day of January of each year the Secretary of the Interior shall cause to be filed with the county treasurer of each county in the State of Oklahoma where restricted lands of members of the Five Civilized Tribes are situated a list of the nontaxable lands that have been sold during the preceding year."

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## Public Law 255

## CHAPTER 425

August 13, 1953  
[S. 1152]

## AN ACT

To extend for a period of five years the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to make loans to fur farmers.

Fur farmers.  
Loans.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture under section 1 (a) (1) of the Act of April 6, 1949 (63 Stat. 43; 12 U. S. C. 1148a-1) to make loans to bona fide fur farmers in accordance with the last proviso in the paragraph headed "Regional Agricultural Credit Corporation" in title II of the Government Corporations Appropriation Act, 1949 (62 Stat. 1192), is hereby extended for the five-year period ending on June 30, 1958, for the purpose only of making necessary supplementary advances to fur farmers now indebted for loans made under the foregoing authority.

Approved August 13, 1953.